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Letter dated 15 September 2008 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing in connection with the provisions of section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243, according to which no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Those subsidiary organs that wish to meet during a regular session of the Assembly must submit their requests through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received an additional request from the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund (UNDP and UNFPA) to hold one meeting in New York during the main part of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly.

The Committee on Conferences, having carefully considered that request and the reasons for it, does not object, on the strict understanding that the meeting would have to be accommodated when facilities and services can be made available without adversely affecting the activities of the General Assembly and its Main Committees.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if the General Assembly would explicitly authorize the Executive Board of UNDP and UNFPA to meet in accordance with its request, subject to the conditions referred to above.

(*Signed*) Patrick A. **Chuasoto**
Chairman
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